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LAUREL: To BP, which capitulated and decided Thursday not to dump more ammonia and suspended solids into Lake Michigan from its Whiting, Ind., refinery. U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-Highland Park, one of the outspoken opponents to the move, believes the oil giant backed down for three reasons: First, tens of thousands signed petitions against BP; second, Congress was moving to pass a bill that would cancel \$400 million in tax credits for BP; third, scientists at Argonne National Laboratory showed BP that they could contain their pollution. How about a fourth one: The bad PR was starting to hurt their gas and Wild Bean Cafe sales.